

# Functional Equations and DT-invariants

From Spectral Networks:

Revenge of the m-herds

Punchline:

Degenerate  
Spectral Networks



Functional Equations  
For DT invariants  
(associated to the Kronecker m-Quiver)

## Consequences

- Kronecker m-quiver appears as a sub-quiver of the BPS quiver for pure  $SU(3)$  SYM

$$\text{Functional Equations} \Rightarrow \# \text{ BPS States} \sim (\hbar)^{-5/2} e^{K \cdot n}$$

OF MASS  $m_* = n m_0$

- The "non-abelianization map" attached to such networks is not a map

$$\psi_N : \begin{matrix} (\mathbb{C}^x)^{2g\bar{z}} \\ \parallel \\ \text{Loc}_1(\Sigma, \mathbb{D}) \end{matrix} \longrightarrow \text{Loc}_K(\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{D})$$

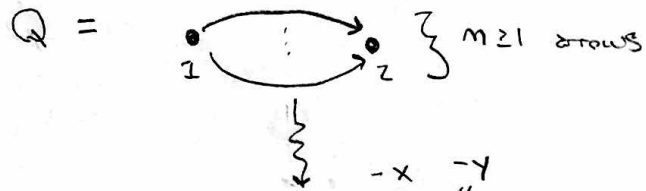
Local Systems  
w/ some asymptotic  
about connections  
as you approach  
a divisor

but a map

$$\psi_N : (\mathbb{C}^x)^{2g\bar{z}} \times (\text{Cover of } \mathbb{C}^x) \longrightarrow \text{Loc}_K(\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{D})$$

DT-invariants

$Q$  an (acyclic) quiver  
 $\Omega(\gamma) =$  "Virtual # of Semi-stable objects in  $D^b \text{Rep}(Q)$  of class  $\gamma \in K_0$ "  
 "Invar. under mutation"



Poisson Algebra  $\mathbb{C}\langle X_1, X_2 \rangle$  w/  $\{X, Y\} = mXY$

Let  $F \in \mathbb{C}\langle t \rangle$ ,  $F(0) = 1$ , then define auts:

$$T_{(a,b), F} : \begin{cases} X \mapsto X F(X^a Y^b)^{-mb} \\ Y \mapsto Y F(X^a Y^b)^{ma} \end{cases}$$

$\gcd(a,b) = 1$

"Time 1 Flow defined By Hamiltonian"

$$H(X,Y) = \exp\{X^a Y^b F'(X^a Y^b)\}$$

Particularly interested in

$$T_{(a,b)} := T_{(a,b), (1 - (-1)^{mab} X^a Y^b)}$$

Translations in the right coords  
 $p = X^a Y^b$   
 $q = X^\alpha Y^\beta$   
 $a\alpha - b\beta = 1$

DT-invariants appear as commutators:

$$T_{(1,0)} T_{(0,1)} = \prod_{b/a \text{ decreasing}} (T_{(a,b)})^{d(a,b,m)}$$

$$= T_{(0,1)} (\dots) T_{(1,0)}$$

Claim:

$$\exists F \in \mathbb{C}\langle t \rangle$$

$$T_{(a,b), F} = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} T_{(na, nb)}$$

$m=2$

$$T_{(1,0)} T_{(0,1)} = T_{(0,1)} T_{(1,1)}^{-2} T_{(1,0)}$$

Then

$$\#F = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - (-1)^{mab} t)^{nd(na, nb, m)}$$

Reineke:  $F$  satisfies a Functional Eqn depending on  $\chi(M_{(ka, kb)}^{st})$ :

$$F((-1)^{a+b} t) = G(t)$$

$$G(t) = \prod_{n \geq 1} (1 - (t G(t)^{mab - a^2 - b^2})^n)^{-n \chi(M_{(na, nb)}^{st})}$$

E.g.  $a=b=1$

$$m \geq 2: \chi(M_{d,d}^{st}) = 0 \quad \forall d \geq 2$$

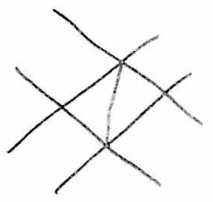
$$M_{1,1}^{st} \cong \mathbb{P}^{m-1} \Rightarrow \chi(M_{1,1}^{st}) = m-1$$

so

$$F(t) = 1 - t F(t)^{(m-1)^2}$$

Claim:

- This Functional Equation Comes From a Spectral Network Formed by gluing  $m$ -Copies of



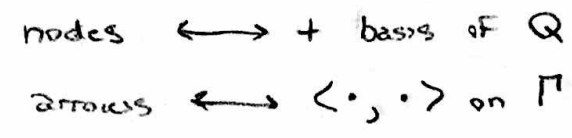
together

- Functional equation for  $d(3n, 2n, m)$  is degree  $3n$  in  $F$  (w/  $\mathbb{Z}$ -Coeffs)

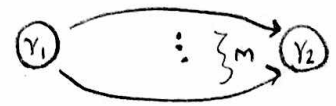
DT invariants in Physics:  $N=2, d=4$  Field Theory on  $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$

- $\exists$  a whole moduli space (of vacua)  $\supset B$
- $\hat{\mathcal{M}} \rightarrow B$  local system of "charge lattices"  $\Gamma_u = e \sum_i m_i \text{charges}$  For theory over  $u$
- BPS States: States "stable" under deformations on  $B$ .
- $\Omega(\gamma, u) =$  Weighted Count of BPS States of charge  $\gamma \in \Gamma_u$ .

• Sometimes the Spectrum is controlled by a "BPS quiver":



e.g.  $\Gamma \cong \mathbb{Z}\gamma_1 \oplus \mathbb{Z}\gamma_2$  with  $\langle \gamma_2, \gamma_1 \rangle = m$ :



Claim:

$$\Omega(a\gamma_1 + b\gamma_2) = d(a, b, m) \quad (a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^2)$$

(Pure  $SU(3)$ -SYM has Kronecker  $m$ -quiver as a sub-quiver).

Another technique to compute  $\Omega$ 's: Spectral Nets.

Data:

- Curve  $C$  w/ defects  $D$
- $k \geq 2$

marked pts + "Asymptotic Data"  $T_k$   
 $\rightsquigarrow$  4D Theory  $S[A_{k-1}, C, D]$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$   
 w/ Coulomb branch  $B$

Compactify  $T_k$ :  
 Theory  $T_k^c$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{2,1} \times S^1$

$\rightsquigarrow$  Moduli space  $(T_k^c) = \mathcal{M}_{\text{Hitchin}}^{SL_k}(C, D)$

Point:  $(E, \nabla_E)$  hermitian  
 v.b. w/ Conn.  
 •  $\varphi \in \Omega^1(C; \text{End}(E))$

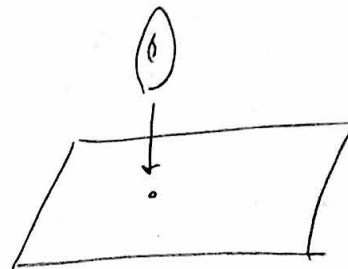
$(\mathbb{P}^1)$ -worth of  $C$  str. on  $M_H$

$\zeta = 0, \infty$ : Higgs Bundles  $(\nabla_E, \varphi), (\nabla_E, \bar{\varphi})$

$\zeta \neq 0, \infty$ : Flat  $SL_k$  Connections  $\nabla^{(\zeta)} = \nabla_E + \frac{1}{\zeta} \varphi + \zeta \bar{\varphi}$

$\mathcal{M}_{\text{Higgs}} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  ← Coulomb branch

$\varphi \mapsto \det(\eta - \varphi)$   
 $\uparrow$   
 $K_C$



So

$(\varphi, A) \in \mathcal{M}_{\text{Higgs}} \longleftrightarrow (\Sigma, \mathcal{L})$ ,  $\Pi \subseteq H_1(\Sigma; \mathbb{Z})$   
 ↙ ↘  
 $\mathcal{L}$  ← Line bundle on  $\Sigma$  (eigenvectors)  
 $\{ \eta : \det(\eta - \varphi) = 0 \} \subseteq \text{Tot } K_C$

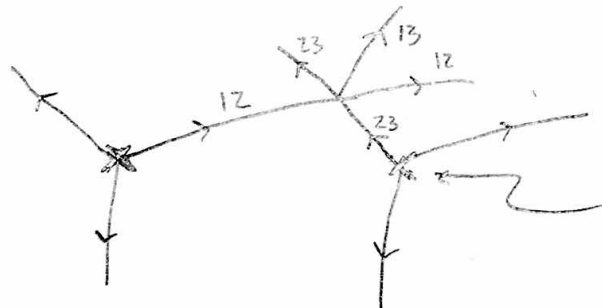
$\varphi \rightsquigarrow$  System of DIFFE eqns

on  $C$  whose integral

$\supset$  Spectral Network:

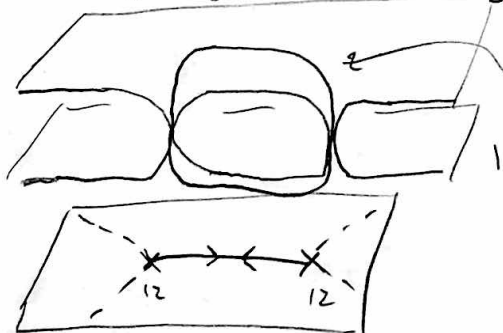
Curves are labeled by pairs of sheets of  $\Sigma$

Ex:



Bench points of  $\Sigma$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $C$

Degenerate Network:  $ij$  edge and  $ji$  edge collide head on:



(Lifts to a closed cycle on  $\Sigma$  of homology class  $\gamma_C \in \Pi$ )

$\Omega(n\gamma_C) = \text{"# (Primitive) loops w/ hom. class } n\gamma_C \text{"}$

Spectral Network Machinery

known



examples

(Algebraic)

Functional Eqns For

$$F(t) = \prod_{n \geq 1} (1 - (-1)^{nab} t^n)^{\Omega(n\gamma_c)}$$



Algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}(t)$ .